



City of Redmond Planning Commission November 5, 2003 Meeting Summary

Planning Commissioners in Attendance:

Kim Allen, Gordon Bluechel, Charlie McCarthy, Korby Parnell, Sue Petitpas, Martin Snodgrass. Kate Dunn arrived at the end of the first study session.

Staff in Attendance:

Lori Peckol and Gary Lee, Redmond Planning Department

Business Conducted:

Commission Chair Martin Snodgrass called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

The agenda was approved.

There was one speaker from the audience. Marcelle Pechler, Greater Redmond Chamber of Commerce, spoke to the Planning Commission concerning Downtown policy issues, including allowed building heights and the feasibility of development given the water table, encouraging small to moderate sized businesses through size limits rather than ownership, and addressing parking needs. She also invited the Commissioners to an upcoming Chamber luncheon on December 5 concerning development of rail corridors and trolleys.

Commissioner Snodgrass opened the study session on the Land Use and Economic Development Chapters, 2003-2004 Comprehensive Plan update. He commented that Commissioner Dunn had done an excellent job of leading the discussion for the downtown policies, suggested that varying the discussion leads for the various chapters could be very beneficial, and asked the Commissioners to think about whether they would like to vary the role of discussion lead.

Ms. Peckol provided an overview of the Land Use Chapter and initial staff concepts for policy updates. The Commissioners began to identify potential policy issues to be considered for both the Land Use and Economic Development Chapters. The Commissioners also asked staff to address the following questions: 1) are wineries allowed in the Agricultural designation? (no), 2) whether zero lot line residences are currently allowed? (yes).

Commissioner Snodgrass then opened the study session on the Downtown Chapter. Gary Lee made some comments, and the commissioners reviewed the list of general and zone specific issues. Commissioner Dunn continued as discussion lead, and the Planning Commission provided preliminary direction on several policy issues concerning Old Town and Town Center, Mixed Residential/Office districts, and the Residential districts. At 9:50 pm, Commissioner Petitpas moved to continue the meeting time and Commissioner Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed. The commission wrapped up their discussion, with Mr. Lee scheduled to return the next week for preliminary Planning Commission direction on remaining issues.

Commissioner Snodgrass adjourned the meeting at 10:10 p.m.